# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:756
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COMMITTEE ON SALE OF SPURIOUS GOODS
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any Committee was set-up in 2004 to look into the issues of sale of spurious goods in the country;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has since submitted its reports; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made therein alongwith the action taken thereon?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) : Yes Sir. A Working Group was set up by the Department of Consumer Affairs in January, 2004 on Counterfeit, Fake, Spurious and Contraband Products.

(b) : The Working Group submitted its report in May, 2006.

(c) : The recommendations made by the Working Group pertain to legislative measures, campaign by all concerned Organisations/Ministries/Departments for enhancing consumer awareness affecting consumer health and safety, class action suits by NGOs/VCOs for disgorgement of unjust enrichment and a unified global campaign to nullify evil designs of international organised crime groups. The recommendations made by the Working Group have since been sent to the concerned agencies for consideration.